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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE turbulent tour of the Soviet leaders could probably be retraced by the wake of shredded lingerie which they stripped from the Spirit of Geneva on their way through India and Burma. Few will weep over these over-embroidered remnants, for if Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev have shattered the few illusions left over from the meeting at the "summit," they have at least helped restore the reality of East-West rivalry to its inevitable perspective. As for the Spirit of Geneva, though it may be somewhat disconcerting in its unaccustomed nudeness, it is not the type of commodity that may be expected to perish in a revival of the cold war. The four Heads of State did not create it at their Geneva meeting, they merely agreed to stop pretending it did not already exist. It was not a spirit conjured up as a panacea for the world's ills, but, essentially, recognition that the development of nuclear weapons has ended a conception which existed for centuries before Clausewitz formulated it in its classic form — that war is the continuation of foreign policy by other means.

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THE Soviet Union, it seems, took at least that interpretation of the Geneva spirit literally, and has now taken it a step further by discovering a substitute for the "other means." It is no longer to be fettered by the doctrinaire approach which brought about an embarrassing episode in Indo-Soviet relations when the Big Soviet Encyclopaedia described Gandhi as a bourgeois revolutionary who had misled the people. The new policy appears to be to make an alliance with nationalism, whatever its political structure and wherever possible. It was perhaps least difficult to apply this new approach to India, whose neutralism offered an open invitation, and whose leader, Mr. Nehru, is at least a sincere theorizing Socialist, if not a practising one. It must have been more difficult in Egypt, and somewhat hard to swallow in relation to Saudia and Yemen. But whatever the difficulties, the Soviet leaders have scored some initial successes.

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MR. Nehru's role in the Russian visit remains a highly controversial issue. He has come in for strong criticism, not for playing such an amiable host to the visitors but for providing them with a multi-millioned forum for their partisan oratory. There are various explanations for his decision, all of which fall somewhat short of conviction, ranging from a temptation to find a stable market for India's raw materials to aspiration for undisputed leadership in South-East Asia, where the Western position is at present considerably stronger than that of the Soviet Union. Neither explanation is without at least a grain of truth. However, it is not improbable that India might have obtained the same market and no less economic aid in Russia through more normal channels. Moreover, Mr. Nehru is already well on the way to being regarded as the spokesman for the greater part of South-East Asia, and it is doubtful whether he failed to realize that by helping raise Soviet prestige in the area he was grooming an ideological competitor of rather formidable dimensions.

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A REASONABLE explanation may perhaps be found in Mr. Nehru's deep obsession with colonialism and his suspicion of Western motives in seeking military alliances with Asian nations — and on both these subjects he found an eager sympathy in Moscow. The Indian Prime Minister's touchstones on such matters are close at hand. A colonial country is one which does not denounce Portuguese insistence on retaining her enclaves in India. A suspiciously militaristic country is one which allies itself with Pakistan, or intrudes into the Asian world with such treaties as SEATO. To Mr. Nehru, an Asian country's desire to be so allied is not a vital consideration, for he firmly believes, with Machiavelli, that it is dangerous to conclude a military alliance with a country stronger than yourself. As for common interests, he considers this an unlikely phenomenon between an Asian country and a colonial power. Thus, in his estimation, any increase in Soviet prestige in South-East Asia means a corresponding decrease of Western influence. It is a very short-range programme: first things first.

Jerusalem, December 14.

Jordan Cabinet Shift To Join Baghdad Pact

Jordan's Circassian Prime Minister, Said el Mufti, resigned yesterday morning for "personal reasons." Almost immediately, King Hussein instructed Haza'i Majali to form a new Cabinet.

Mufti's resignation followed that of four of his Ministers yesterday over the British proposal that Jordan join the Baghdad pact.

The new development in the Jordanian crisis does not signify a change in the political situation, however, for the Premier-designate is known as a stout supporter of Mufti's advocation of adherence to the Middle East Defence Organization (Baghdad pact), especially since his return last week from Baghdad as the head of an economic delegation. In this, he has the full backing of the King, whose letter of appointment to Majali stressed the need for a foreign policy which would "preserve the cordial relations existing between Jordan and friendly foreign states and allies."

The majority of the outgoing Cabinet members yesterday showed a decisive swing towards acceptance in principle of membership in the Baghdad pact. This was reported to have been the result of a cable from Iraq late on Tuesday night addressed personally to Mufti.

Calms Extremists

King Hussein yesterday issued a communique which stated that Jordan had opened negotiations as far back as 1953 for the amendment of the Anglo-Iranian treaty, but that Britain had then asked that the talks be deferred until the conclusion of an Anglo-Iranian pact. The communique contained an assurance that current talks with Britain would not prejudice Jordan's stand on the "Palestine problem." This was believed to have been an effort to calm the extreme pro-Egyptian nationalists who are increasing their agitation against the Baghdad pact, largely because they suspect that it will lead to a change in Jordan's anti-Israel attitude.

The King's message pointed out that current negotiations were again started on Jordan's initiative, but that it had been made clear to Britain that establishment of relations between the countries on an "entirely new basis" will not mean that Jordan will forgo her "rights in Palestine."

Meanwhile, General Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of Britain's Imperial General Staff, left for London yesterday following extended negotiations in Amman. It was reported that he would return to continue his talks after the new Government will have been installed.

Counter-Proposals

"Falastin," the Old City daily, yesterday published what it asserted were Jordan's counter-proposals to Gen. Templer, adding that their acceptance by Britain would result in Jordan's accession to the Baghdad pact.

They include: abrogation of the Anglo-Jordanian treaty of 1948 and its replacement by a Jordanian-Iraqi treaty for a term of five years; retention by Jordan of her "commitments" with regard to the "Palestine problem;" a considerable increase in the strength of the Arab Legion, with special emphasis on the Air Force, armoured units and artillery; the extension of economic aid to Jordan, both by Britain directly and by the Economic Committee of the Baghdad pact, and, finally, the permanent exclusion of Israel from the Baghdad pact.

Another item provides that the £9.5m. British subsidy to the Arab Legion should be paid directly to the Jordan Treasury instead of being placed at the disposal of General John Glubb, British Commander of the Legion — a demand which Jordan has been making persistently for two years.

Known in Opposition

Majali first became known as an opposition M.P. from Karak, in southern Jordan, at the end of the 1940's. A lawyer by profession, he was in various Cabinet posts up to 1953, when he became the leader of the joint Jordanian-Palestinian opposition bloc in Parliament. He was won over to the Government side in November, 1953, by being offered the Interior portfolio to avoid a Cabinet defeat in the House over the Kibya incident. Since 1954, he has often been Acting Premier.

(Reports from Damascus said that Gen. Templer in his talks with the old Cabinet had promised that Britain would carry out efforts for a solution of the "Palestine problem" on the basis of U.N. resolutions.)

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NATO Chief Urges All-Europe Radar

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of NATO, tonight urged its 15-nation Ministerial Council to agree on an overall plan for an early radar warning system throughout Europe to guard against surprise attack. Answering questions at a press conference on the eve of the three-day meeting at which Ministers of 15 nations will reassess East-West relations after the failure of the Big Four Geneva Conference, he admitted that there was at present no adequate coordinated warning system.

The call for an effective all-European warning system is one of the military proposals prepared for the Atlantic session beginning tomorrow. The Council will hold its annual year-end review of political and military developments and will map the West's joint military effort for 1956.

Lord Ismay indicated that one of the problems facing NATO was the apportioning of spending between nuclear and conventional arms. He said, "You cannot buy the new weapons necessitated by the possibility of nuclear war, and maintain all you had before." Officials expect that the compromise agreed will be that spending should go ahead along present lines. But this will mean, in effect, that because of rising prices and the high cost of developing new weapons, the generals will get less.

Bonn Reticent About John's Homecoming

BONN, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Government today maintained its silence about Dr. Otto John, former head of its espionage service who fled back to the West yesterday after 17 months in East Germany.

The only positive statement a government spokesman made today at a press conference was that John knew when he returned that he must face charges. The spokesman claimed that because the case was *sub judice* no comment could be made about it. He declined to state definitely whether John was under arrest, though the tone of his answers implied that he was.

In answer to a question, he said that the normal procedure in a case of suspected treason was for the suspect to be detained immediately. This detention must be converted into formal arrest by the issue of a magistrate's warrant within 48 hours, or else the suspect must be freed.

Soviet Again Stresses E. German Sovereignty

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Ambassador in East Germany, Mr. Georgi Pushkin, in similar letters to the British, French and U.S. Ambassadors in West Germany, today said that East Germany was fully responsible for the jurisdiction on her territory including Berlin.

A.D.N., the East German news agency, reported Mr. Pushkin as saying that the Soviet Union and East Germany had agreed that the movement between West Germany and West Berlin of British, French and U.S. troops and goods would be controlled temporarily by the Russian Army in Germany "until a respective agreement" had been worked out. (In Bonn, an Allied spokesman said that the letter would not be published before tomorrow).

Mr. Pushkin's letter was in reply to letters by the Western Ambassadors on December 1 holding the Soviet Union responsible for the welfare and proper treatment of all Western citizens in East Berlin.

Bonn, Paris Report On Saar Negotiations

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — France and West Germany tonight reported to their partner nations in the West European Union on current negotiations to settle the outcome of the Saar, after its population voted down in a referendum last October a plan for the "Europeanization" of their territory.

Elections for a new parliament are taking place in the Saar on Sunday. Meanwhile, France and Germany have been working out a new scheme to settle the fate of the area. It is believed that this will take account of what is acknowledged to be the majority wish of the Saarlanders that the area should become part of Germany once more.

REPATRIATION OF FRENCH DESERTERS 'PREMATURE'

Press reports that the two French deserters, who gave themselves up in the Negev early this week after crossing the lines from Egypt, would be repatriated to France, were called "premature" by an official source in Jerusalem last night.

The matter is a legal one and is in the hands of the police. There is no extradition agreement between Israel and France, and the entire affair is still under study.

HUGH GAITSKELL

Gaitskell Heads British Labour

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, staunchly right-wing Socialist, today succeeded Mr. Clement Attlee as leader of the Labour Party.

In a secret ballot of Labour's 275 Members of Parliament, he defeated Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Attlee's deputy and "old guard" leader, and the left-wing rebel, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, for the job of getting the demoralized party back into fighting trim after two successive electoral setbacks.

The 49-year-old ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer and former university don topped the poll with 157 votes against 70 for Mr. Bevan and 40 for Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Gaitskell's success had been confidently predicted, but politicians had expected Mr. Morrison to be his closest rival. When the result of the ballot was announced, Mr. Morrison, in the chair as deputy leader, seemed staggered at the lack of support for him from a party whose strategy he has mapped for many years past. He handed over the chair to Mr. Gaitskell, then left the meeting brokenly with a friend on each side. Shortly afterwards he resigned as deputy leader.

It was a victory for youth as well as for socialist orthodoxy, as Mr. Morrison might have been more strongly backed but for his 67 years. Mr. Bevan, 58, had not been conceded a chance because of his unpopularity due to past clashes with the party leadership.

The biggest surprise of the ballot was that Mr. Morrison, former Foreign Secretary and deputy leader of the party for the past 10 years, finished at the bottom. He announced last week that, if defeated, he would quit the post of deputy leader and with it all party office.

The announcement of Mr. Gaitskell's victory was made to a meeting of the parliamentary Labour Party in the Commons.

TITO IN ADDIS ABABA

BELGRADE, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Tito arrived in Addis Ababa this afternoon, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported in a dispatch from the Ethiopian capital.

Terrorism Spreads in Cyprus As Communist Party is Outlawed

NICOSIA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The banning of the Cyprus Communist Party here today was marked by widespread demonstrations and terrorism in which one British soldier was killed and at least six others wounded.

Tear-gas was used in Nicosia, shops in Limassol shut down, and a procession of about 1,500 streamed into the main streets. Some workers left their jobs on learning of the arrest of Communist leaders, and workers met in trade union premises to decide whether to call a general strike in protest against the arrests. Troops patrolled the streets of the main towns.

Archbishop Makarios, leading figure in the *Enosis* movement, declared tonight that he "unreservedly disapproved" of the Government's action in arresting the Communist Party chiefs.

Official figures showed that 136 Communists were arrested. They included Mr. Ezekias Papaioannou, 47, Secretary-General of the Party, who had fought in the Spanish Civil War. Mr. Diomedes Ghalanos, editor of the Communist newspaper, "Neos Democratis," was arrested and the newspaper banned. The Mayors of Limassol and Larnaca and the Deputy Mayor of Famagusta were among the Communists rounded up.

Two British soldiers shopping in fashionable Ledra Street in Nicosia were shot in the back by a gunman today. One died soon afterwards. The other was rushed to hospital.

A 37-year-old Greek woman was killed near Famagusta on Tuesday night when British troops fired on a taxi which ignored an order to halt. Her 11-year-old daughter was wounded. They had been staying with relations and were about to return to Greece on Saturday.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Yosef Regev (Gravitsky), Director-General of the Keren Hayesod, died in Tel Aviv last night. The funeral procession will start from his home at 22 Rehov Mapu at 3.30 p.m. today.

New USSR Plan Offers to Drop Mongolia, Japan

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter).—The U.N. Security Council, which deadlocked yesterday over the admission of 18 new members, met again today to consider a surprise Soviet proposal to admit 16 states, dropping Japan and Communist Outer Mongolia.

The meeting was called at the urgent request of Mr. Arkady Sobolev, the Soviet permanent delegate, who yesterday vetoed the applications of 13 non-Communist states in reprisal for Nationalist China's veto on Outer Mongolia. Yesterday's motion was to have been a "package" deal, as is the new proposal submitted today.

The Council President, Sir Leslie Knox Munro, today lunched with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Arkady Sobolev, and supporters from both East and West hinted today at a revival of the "package deal."

Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon of India called on Sir Leslie to convene the General Assembly by noon tomorrow.

U.N. Passes Israel Air Safety Motion

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — The U.N. General Assembly today gave final approval to a Social Committee recommendation calling on all states to take the "necessary measures" to avoid attacks on civilian aircraft "innocently" straying from their flight paths and across international frontiers.

The question had been brought to the U.N. by Israel and was prompted by the shooting down of an Israel airliner last summer by Bulgarian fighters when it strayed into Bulgaria while on a flight to Tel Aviv. All 58 passengers and members of the crew were killed.

The vote was 45 to 0 with 13 abstentions, most of them Arab states who had expressed doubt about the motivation behind the resolution.

CHARGE OF BEATING SENT TO C'TTEE

The Knesset yesterday voted, 21-15, to refer to the Internal Affairs Committee charges that Mr. Tewfik Zayad, a Nazareth Councillor, had been repeatedly beaten while detained in the Tiberias jail. The question was raised by Dr. Moshe Sneh (Communist) in a motion for the agenda. After the Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitreet, opposed a debate, Mr. Moshe Erem (Ahdut Ha'avoda) proposed that the question be referred to committee. Mr. Shitreet said that only a minimum of force had been used against Zayad, who, he claimed, assaulted a prison guard with a broomstick and struck him to the ground.

Dr. Sneh then withdrew his motion for a debate, and the Coalition split on the vote. Only Mapai, the Progressives and Mizrahi voted to strike the motion from the agenda, while Hapoel Hamizrahi, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam joined the Opposition in voting to refer it to committee.

Balkan Alliance Meeting Put Off

BELGRADE, Wednesday (Reuter). — Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia will shortly announce that they cannot arrange a meeting of their Foreign Ministers by the end of this year as laid down in the Balkan alliance, the semi-official Yugoslav news agency, Yugopress, said here tonight.

Foreign observers here said that the Balkan alliance has virtually not functioned since tension arose between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus.

Menderes Gets Ruling Party's Confidence

ANKARA, Wednesday. — Premier Adnan Menderes won a vote of confidence in the parliamentary group of the Democratic Party today. The vote was 348 against 87, with seven abstentions.

The parliamentary group of the party heard him reveal his new programme calling for democratic changes in the constitutional law. The new Government, formed on December 9, consists entirely of members of the Democratic Party which is in the majority. Premier Menderes said he would ask a vote of confidence following a debate in Parliament of his new programme. *(UP, Reuter)*

PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE writes on the bonds and the similarities between France and Israel in tomorrow's issue of The Jerusalem Post. Other articles include: The Position of Argentine Jewry — Secret Talks on Cyprus — New Acquisitions at the Tel Aviv Museum — Hanukka Bridge Contest — and all the regular features.

Britain Seen Banning Arms To Israel for Galilee Action

Security Council Meets Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — The U.N. Security Council will meet on Friday to consider Syria's complaint against Israel regarding the attack on a Syrian post on the shore of Lake Kinneret last Sunday night, authoritative sources said today.

Ahmed Shukeiry, chief Syrian delegate, said yesterday that the Council will be asked to consider "measures never before requested" but did not indicate what they would be.

The Syrians can count on strong Western support in any Council debate on their complaint against the attack. The British Foreign Office is hardly concealing its anger at the latest Israel attack which it feels is far beyond the bounds of anything called for by the type of provocation cited by Israel. French support for Syria is also assured. Whitehall feels certain that the U.S. will join in condemnation of Israel at the Council.

In Washington today, Mr. Lincoln White, spokesman of the State Department, stated that the U.S. deplores the loss of life in the Israel-Syrian clash. He said that the U.S., as a Security Council member, would receive a copy of the report of the Mixed Armistice Commission on the incident, and that it would therefore be premature to make any comment on what the ultimate U.S. position would be.

Sharett Due In Paris Today

The Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Mr. Moshe Sharett was due to arrive in Paris this morning, and that on arrival he would meet with Israel's Ambassadors to Britain and France, Mr. Eliahu Elath and Mr. Ya'acov Tsur.

The Ministry knew nothing of reported meetings with any of the Foreign Ministers who are gathering in Paris for the NATO Council meeting. No such meetings had been arranged as of last night, it was said.

INA reported from Paris that Mr. Sharett is believed to be seeking a meeting with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay. The latter are meeting on NATO affairs but are also expected to review the Middle East position as a preliminary to Sir Anthony Eden's visit to Washington next month. The Middle East will be a major topic both in the NATO Council chamber and in important side talks between the Western Foreign Ministers.

The same agency reported from London that while British Middle Eastern policy, as reflected in Government statements in Monday's debate remains rigid, Israel's case continues to win the support of wide parliamentary opinion. Diplomatic circles pointed out that Labour speakers without exception backed Israel's stand, as did the Liberal leader — and even more significant, there were energetic Conservative expressions of understanding. There was not, in fact, anything which might be construed as an anti-Israel speech, and the vigour with which the Israel case was presented and supported is known to have impressed Sir Anthony Eden more than his policy would allow him to admit.

Syrians, Egyptians Attack Settlements

Settlements in the northern and southern parts of the country were yesterday again subjected to attacks by Syrian and Egyptian positions.

Syrian positions opened fire on members of Kibbutz On, on the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret, as they were working in their fields, the Army spokesman announced. None of the settlers was hit, but work in the fields has ceased.

At the same time, Egyptian positions opened fire with rifles and machineguns on an Israel patrol which was moving along the Armistice Line north of Mifalsim settlement, near the Gaza Strip. The patrol returned the fire and continued on its way. None of our soldiers was hit.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning infiltrators penetrated Kibbutz Tseelim, west of Beersheba, and stole personal effects belonging to members of the settlement. The infiltrators were believed to have come from the Gaza Strip, and the tracks of two barefoot persons led to the Egyptian side of the border.

Unknown persons fired at Mr. Yona Avraham, who guards the Lapidot Company warehouse near the Iraq-Suidan police station, near Faluja, hitting him in the thumb. The anonymous assailants escaped in the darkness.

British M.P.'s To Visit Israel

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — Conservative and Labour Members of Parliament will be visiting Israel during the Christmas recess as guests of the Government. They include the Conservatives, Sir Victor Raikes and Messrs. S. J. McAdden, D. Marshall and C. I. Orr-Ewing, and the Labour Members, Messrs. L. J. Callaghan, P. Daines, J. Dugdale, K. Robinson and Alfred Robens (Labour's foreign affairs spokesman) and Mrs. Lena Jeger.

The editor of the "New Statesman" Mr. Kingsley Martin and Mrs. Martin will leave for Israel on Sunday via El Al as guests of the Government, and Lord and Lady Russell will be coming to Israel next month.

U.S. Seeks Solution Within Six Months

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — The U.S. is moving urgently for an Arab-Israel settlement within the next six months, and Secretary of State Dulles will seek agreement with Britain and France in Paris on ways and means of bringing the two sides together, the "New York Herald-Tribune" today quoted officials as saying.

They said that the vital aspect of the Dulles mission will concern Middle East problems which he will tackle in private sessions with Mr. Harold Macmillan and M. Antoine Pinay. It is the American view that without a settlement within the next six months, the Middle East competition for arms will get out of hand. At the moment, the officials believe that Israel holds a clear edge in military power but this lead may be dissipated by the flow of Communist arms to the Arabs. The feeling in Washington is "now or never," it was stated.

The U.S. is prodding both parties to adopt a more flexible attitude, and Mr. Dulles made this point to Mr. Sharett in their conference last week. The next steps will be considered in Paris, and the three ministers may adopt a plan calling for the Western Big Three to act as intermediaries between Israel and the Arabs.

Burns Leaves Today For Damascus

Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, will leave for Damascus and Beirut this morning. He will be accompanied by his Political Adviser, M. Henri Vigier.

In a reply to a question, the U.N.T.S.O. spokesman, M. Albert Grand, who will also accompany Gen. Burns, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the Israel operation by Lake Kinneret on Sunday night was only "part of the reason" for the Chief of Staff's visit. He would not comment on what the other "part" was.

Gen. Burns is scheduled to see the Syrian Chief of Staff. In the afternoon, he and his party will leave for Beirut, and will return to Jerusalem tomorrow.

Reuter reports from Damascus that Syria has asked Gen. Burns to make every effort to secure the release of the prisoners taken in Sunday night's action. Syria also demands more than L.S.1m. (£125,000) from Israel as compensation for damage and losses allegedly caused by the Israel raiders.

The agency said that the Secretary-General of the Syrian Foreign Ministry, Dr. Ibrahim Oustwani, summoned the three Western Ambassadors to his office yesterday and gave them copies of Syria's complaint to the U.N. Security Council about Israel's raid.

Whitehall Taking 'Serious' View

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — The suggestion that Whitehall contemplates an arms ban on Israel, ostensibly as a penalty for what the Foreign Office describes as an unprovoked Israel attack on Syria, is made by the "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent in what appears to be an officially inspired comment.

The Government, according to this report, "takes a most serious view" of the matter, and "action as opposed to mere comment" is thought to be under consideration. "It is difficult to see what form this might take short of cutting off further supplies of arms to Israel," adds the correspondent.

The tone of yesterday's Foreign Office statement condemning Israel's action against Syria has attracted comment, and today's "Telegraph" carries a sharp attack on the Foreign Office spokesman by one of the paper's columnists. Recalling the recent demotion of a junior Foreign Office spokesman for indiscreet remarks about Soviet leaders, this commentator expresses surprise that the Foreign Office should have rushed in to condemn Israel on the basis of partisan accounts of the frontier incident.

Regarding the wider issue of a possible arms ban, Israel observers here would feel no surprise at such action following Monday's parliamentary debate in which Government leaders scarcely troubled to conceal the orientation of their policy.

Today's disclosure that Amman's apparent agreement to join the Baghdad pact has been purchased by the promise of an early supply of heavy artillery and armour forms a fitting comment, simultaneous with threats to deprive Israel of assistance.

VIEW 'CONFIRMED'

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — An interim report on last Sunday's Kinneret fighting received from Gen. E. L. M. Burns "confirms the British view that the engagement was an unprovoked attack by Israel," a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan will be asked by Mrs. Barbara Castle, Labour, in the Commons on Monday "What was the evidence on which a Foreign Office spokesman based his announcement on December 13 to the effect that an Israel attack on Syrian Army posts the previous day was unprovoked." Mr. Sydney Silverman, Labour, wants to know why the Minister "authorized an anonymous Foreign Office spokesman to make a statement on a recent incident on the Israel-Syrian frontier, while that incident was still under investigation by the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization."

Britain's regret over the Lake Kinneret operation was passed on yesterday to the Foreign Ministry in an informal contact between the British Embassy and Ministry officials it is understood. The Reuter report from London that Ambassador John Nicholls called at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem on the incident, is incorrect, it was stated.

Iraq Raps Syrian Arms Drive in Baghdad

Iraq has protested to Syria over the action taken by the latter's Legation in Baghdad to open an arms fund collection in aid of the current drive in Syria. It was charged that this contravenes Iraqi laws.

Meanwhile, the Syrian parliament late on Tuesday night decided that deputies pledge a month's salary each for the arms fund. This is expected to total £14,200.

The total sum of the defence budget next year will be LS150m. (£18.5m.). This will consist of the LS85m. originally voted, the addition of LS.25m. decided upon two months ago, and the LS40m. which the Cabinet on Tuesday night decided to add to the budget.

The Syrian Cabinet at a three-hour extraordinary session also decided to make compulsory the military training of students in all Government schools. Mass demonstrations again took place in Damascus yesterday despite the ban imposed on Tuesday. These were said to have been dispersed without incident. *(ANA, NEABS, Reuter).*

Russia to Go on with H-Bomb

NEW DELHI, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Soviet leaders, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, said in a joint statement here today prior to their departure after a 16-day visit, that Russia was compelled to continue making atomic and hydrogen weapons.

They also called for a conference on Far Eastern problems similar to the Geneva summit talks in July.

In a six-page survey of Russian foreign policy read to reporters before leaving by air for Afghanistan on their way home, they declared that the West, instead of reducing armaments, loudly announce that they intend further to increase them.

They renewed attacks on the West but said that the Geneva spirit created by the summit conference was neither dead nor dying, and that last month's Foreign Ministers conference did not reach the desired results because "the situation probably was not ripe for a settlement."

They also accused unnamed powers of pursuing their policies from a position of strength. Negotiations would yield no results until this policy was dropped. This included negotiations in the proposed Far Eastern conference in which India and China should take part.

The Soviet leaders, diverted from Kabul owing to heavy clouds and snow, arrived at Stalinabad, in Tajikistan. It was reported that they may cancel their Afghanistan visit.

Bad weather may force the Soviet leaders to postpone their proposed visit to Afghanistan and fly directly home to Moscow, Kabul Radio said tonight.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to lunch the Mayor of Beersheba, Mr. D. Tuvyahu, and the members of the Town Council and their ladies.

The President yesterday received the Chairman and members of the Executive of the Revisionist-Herut Alliance, Dr. S. Yunitchman, M.K., Mrs. Anita Muller-Cohen, Mr. Yosef Walker, Mr Nahum Levin, Dr. E. Treller, Mr. Mordechai Olmart, Mr. A. Garvits and Mr. S. Nadiv.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received representatives of the National Council of the Artists Association, Messrs. E. Sigard, I. Aschheim, D. Tagger, H. Shen and Y. Pins. The sculptress, Batia Lishansky, was also present.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion yesterday received Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, member of the House of Representatives, Foreign Affairs Committee. Mrs. Bolton is on the Middle East Subcommittee of the Committee.

Accompanied by Mr. William H. Dunbar, Mrs. Bolton visited Hadassah institutions in Jerusalem.

M. Marcel Laforge, Consul General of France in Jerusalem, will open an exhibition of paintings by Mrs. Yvette Szczupak-Thomas at the Bezalel Museum at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The Israel Military and Naval Attache in London and Mrs. M. Ben-Gal, and the Air Attache and Mrs. Y. Kedar on Tuesday gave a Hanukka reception at the Israel Embassy for foreign military attaches and senior British officers.

A farewell party for Mr. Y.S. Cotton was given last night in Tel Aviv by Mr. Dov Kofler, of El Al, and Mrs. Kofler. Mr. Cotton, the U.S. expert on power and irrigation, leaves today after a two-month assignment with Tahal.

Dr. Sirri Erinc, Lecturer in Geography at the University of Istanbul, has arrived in Jerusalem on a two-week visit as the guest of the Hebrew University.

Mr. Ernst A. Iskin, Assistant Manager of The Norwegian Trade Company, Nortrac-Israel Limited, has returned from a business trip to Norway.

The General Manager of PICA and Mrs. M. Rowe have left for Europe.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hold its annual Hanukka dinner party at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, at 8 o'clock this evening for Rotarians and their guests. The dinner party will be held instead of the weekly luncheon.

A section of the aeronautics library at Technion City, to be called "Pinat Zvi," has been established by Mr. and Mrs. D. Blatt, of Haifa, in memory of their son, Zvi, a pilot in the Israel Defence Forces who fell in line of duty three years ago at Hanukka.

A "Vocal Newspaper" on Israel's security problems will be held at the Edison Hall, Jerusalem at 8 o'clock on Friday night. The speakers will include Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive; Mayor Gershon Agron and Aluf Yigal Alon, M.K. Mr. Berl Corainik will be chairman. Admission is free.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

Hesse's Restaurant, Jerusalem, Tel. 4130, serves you lunch and dinner, four courses with meat, from IL2.400 (incl. taxes) onwards. Hesse's stands for Quality and Service.

★ **Lectures:—**
Mr. M. Shiloh (of the Foreign Ministry), on "Our Demands for Arms. Chairman, Mr. Avraham Elmaliah. Community singing, lighting of Hanukka candles, films. Beit Ha'am, 7.30 p.m. Under the auspices of Information and Civic Education Services.
William W. Channel on "Adventures in Friendship," Y.M.C.A., 8.30 p.m.

★ **Party: —**
Prof. Yeshaya Leibovitz will speak on "Hanukka Now and Then" at party sponsored by Jerusalem Department of Education, at 7.30 tonight at Histadrut Clubhouse in Kiryat Moshe quarter. Readings, music and quiz. Admission free.

★ **Entertainment:—**
Have Tea while listening to Chamber Music in the beautiful lobby of the KING DAVID HOTEL on weekdays from 5-7 p.m.

★ **Exhibitions: —**
1) Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. Paintings by Sukriye Dikmen. Exhibit of the Month: A Hanukka lamp (silver repoussé) 17th Century, Augsburg. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-6.
Watercolours, oils and drawings by Curt Singer; Sculptures by B. Pokorny. "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Sderot Ben Maimon, 10-1, 3-6.
1) Watercolours and drawings by Jonah Tagger. 2) Oils and gouaches by Elisha Sigard. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours: —**
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Theatre: —**
Ohel, "Eldorado," Edison, 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music, Lucky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd.

★ **Exhibitions:—**
"Maskit" Israel Village Arts and Crafts. Woodcuts by Jacob Steinhardt. Recent Paintings by Arie Aroch. New acquisitions by the Museum. Tel Aviv Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Paintings by Yehiel Krise — Painters & Sculptors Pavilion — 9 Rehov Alharizi — 10-1, 4-7.
International Exhibition of Theatre Posters, Mograbi, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Concert: —**
Recorded performance of the "Abduction from the Seraglio" by Mozart 9 p.m. Entrance free. Sharon Hotel.

★ **Theatre: —**
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Mograbi Hall, 6.30, 9.15 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," New Chamber Theatre, 9 p.m.
Habimah, "Alei Kinor," Habimah (for Students), 11 a.m.
Habimah, "Pundro the Hero," Habimah, 9 p.m.

★ **Square Dancing: —**
Z.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Hanna Orloff Drawings, Carmel Studio, 3 Wedgwood Ave., Mt. Carmel, Haifa, 9-1, 4-7.

★ **Theatre:—**
"The Singing Blacksmith" — Benzion Witler and Shifra Lerer, May, 9 p.m.
Ohel, Premiere, "R.O.R." 9 p.m.
Habimah, "Medea," Armon 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:—**
Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

KFAR ATA

★ **Theatre: —**
"Kopl Kive Vert A Tate" — Yiddish Theatre — 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.

NATANYA

★ **Theatre: —**
Chamber Theatre, "The Good Soul of Szechuan," 9 p.m.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
December 15, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals

Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Goitein and Sussman.

Shaul Nehemia, Avraham Siton, Mordechai Gozlan, Appellants, v. The Attorney General, Respondent (Cr. A. 84/55).

Murder Conviction Upheld

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a verdict of the Jerusalem District Court, delivered on May 9, 1955 (Cr. C. 132/54).

All three appellants had been found guilty of the murder of Dr. S. Bension, and of the attempted murder of Gideon Rynar, the deceased's son-in-law, on August 30, 1954. The facts of the case were reported in full by *The Jerusalem Post* at the time.

The District Court, composed of the Relieving President, Judge Baker, and Judges Gaulan and Y. Cohen found Nehemia guilty of causing death with premeditation, in accordance with section 214 (b) of the Criminal Code Ordinance and sentenced him to life imprisonment. On the second count — attempted murder — he was sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment. Siton and Gozlan were likewise found guilty of murder and attempted murder and sentenced to life imprisonment for the first offence and 12 years for the second. They were charged under sections 214 (b) and 24 which latter provides:

"when two or more persons form a common intention to prosecute an unlawful purpose in conjunction with one another, and in the prosecution of such purpose any offence is committed of such a nature that the commission is a probable consequence of the prosecution of such purpose, each of such persons being present at the commission of any such offence is deemed to have committed the offence."

In the appeal against the District Court verdict, Mr. Levitsky appeared for the first appellant and Mr. Avshalom Levi for the third appellant. The Respondent was represented by Mr. C. Gluckman, State Attorney, and Mr. F. Landau, Assistant State Attorney.

Judgment

The judgment of the Supreme Court was delivered by the President who dealt firstly with Mr. Levitsky's gallant, but forlorn, attempt to persuade the court that Nehemia had not "prepared himself" to kill Dr. Bension — which is one of the elements necessary (in accordance with section 216) for a person to be deemed to have killed another person with premeditation. Another element is that the person shall have "resolved to kill." Mr. Levitsky had argued that if it were true, as claimed by the prosecution, that Nehemia had got out of the taxi, inserted some cartridges into his tommy-gun and then aimed the gun at Bension and Rynar, then all that this indicated was that he had "resolved to kill" the two men, but not that he had "prepared himself" to kill them. For, in point of fact, the tommy-gun had been brought in preparation of an abduction and not of a murder.

In dismissing this argument, the President held that the question was one of fact and not of law, and the District Court had been justified in its findings in the light of the facts before it. But, even if he had found Mr. Levitsky's argument tenable, he would merely have changed the section under which the first appellant had been found guilty from 214 (b) to 214 (c), which latter defines murder as "wilfully causing the death of any person in preparing for or to facilitate the commission of an offence or in the commission of an offence."

The President next turned his attention to Mr. Levi's arguments in defence of the third appellant (which could apply equally to the second appellant), viz. firstly, that it was clear from the facts before the District Court and from their findings, that not only did the third appellant have no intention of murdering the deceased victim, or of aiding the preparation of the crime, but that such a thought had never even entered his head; and secondly, that the shots which the first appellant had fired from the tommy-gun were not fired in the prosecution of the original unlawful purpose (the abduction) for which the three appellants had combined but *after* the prosecution of this purpose or, more correctly, after the failure to prosecute this purpose.

In refusing to admit these propositions, the President pointed out that the criterion in section 214 is a strictly objective one: was the offence committed of such a nature that its commission was a probable consequence of the unlawful purpose which the appellants had formed a common intention to prosecute, or not. While it was true that it had not been proved that the second two appellants had originally intended or desired those consequences which had actually occurred, nevertheless when a tommy-gun is carried during an operation whose purpose it is to abduct a person, the actual use of the gun, even by only one of the participants, in order to murder or injure the victim of the abduction plot, is most certainly a "probable consequence of the prosecution of the purpose."

As to the argument that the offence of murder had been committed after the failure of the plan to kidnap Mr. Rynar, the President held that there was nothing in section 214 to indicate at what stage of the prosecution of an unlawful purpose the offence should be committed, or to indicate that the section is applicable only when the unlawful purpose has been successfully prosecuted. He considered that the District Court, in view of the facts before it, had not erred in concluding that section 214 had been applicable in the circumstances.

Appeal dismissed.

Judgment given on December 11, 1955.

PRIZES FOR TRANSLATION

The Tchernichovsky Prizes for classical translations will be distributed tonight at a ceremony in the Tel Aviv Museum. The winners this year are: Mr. Y. D. Berkovitz, who receives the belles-lettres prize for his translation of the two final volumes of Shalom Aleichem's works; Mr. Joseph G. Liebes, the science award for his versions of the first half of Plato's Dialogues and Plutarch's Lives; and Mr. H. Ben-Amram, who shares the science prize for his translation of Lyon, Brady and Beckmann's "Soil Science."

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

382, 249, 33.3 & 42.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Opera: Works by Puccini, Ponchielli, Leoncavallo, Boito & Verdi (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 Siesta. 4.45 Child's Corner. 5.00 Musical Miniatures. 5.15 Weekly Summary: Mishna Yomit. 5.30 Youth's Programme. 6.30 Kindling of Hanukka Light and Reading from the Book of the Maccabeans. 6.35 Hebrew Songs (R). 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Farmers Corner. 7.30 "Al Hanissim" — Hanukka Programme by Benyamin Zvieli. 8.00 Concert: Walton: Sonata for Violin & Piano, played by Avraham Melamed and Moshe Lustig. 8.30 "The Knesset and its Committees." 9.15 "Artists Volunteer" — A Defence Fund Programme. 9.50 Academic World. 10.05 Poems of Heroism, arr. by Shmuel Rosen. 10.20 "From the World of Music." 10.45 Variety, on Anderson. 11.15 Dance Music. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

467, 469, 225, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 5.30 Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Ladino—Hebrew Lesson. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Turkish. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. Kindling of the Lights. 6.33 News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 From the Zimriah 7.05 Afrikaans Transmission.

11.15 p.m. Kindling of the Lights and News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 From the Zimriah.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 285 M.): 6.30 Opening and Kindling of Hanukka Lights. 6.35 "Theme with Variations." 7.00 News. 7.10 Hanukka Programme. 7.30 "Projector" — What is going on in the Army. 7.45 Classical Requests: Beethoven: Concerto in D-major for Violin and Orchestra. 8.30 "Jazz Club." 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.96, 25.15 M.): 7.30 8.00 p.m. News. News Talk; Week's Features.

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Plans for Beersheba Industrial Expansion

Jerusalem Post Staff

Long-range plans to increase Beersheba's industrial potential so as to employ 1,300 additional workers were discussed yesterday by Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. D. Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba.

Mr. Rami Taiber, the new Director of the Industry Division, is to plan methods to develop industry in the town during the 1956/57 fiscal year.

Mr. Taiber, 30 years old, worked for the Purchasing Mission in Europe during the War of Independence, and returned to Israel at the end of 1948 to serve in the Air Force.

He replaces Mr. I. Leinkram, who tendered his resignation several months ago, but agreed to continue until a replacement was found.

Accusations made on Monday by the Negev representative of the Ministry of Labour against the local Labour Council and labour exchange, were rebuffed at a press conference in Beersheba the following day by Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel, Secretary of the Council. He threw onto the Ministry the blame for unemployment and low earnings of Negev workers.

For the last two years, he complained, no industrial enterprises have been started in Beersheba, despite the talk about plans. The majority of the immigrants, nearly all of them with big families, are employed in farming and can earn at the most IL4.500 a day. Most of them work only two weeks a month, so that their actual income does not amount to more than IL40-IL50 a month.

Of the thousand building workers in the town, 500 work only two weeks a month, even though most of them are veteran craftsmen. On Monday, 200 totally unemployed were registered with the labour exchange.

Mr. Ze'ev Zarizi, Deputy Mayor, said at the press conference that 2,000 more families of newcomers are expected within a year and that no plans whatsoever had been made to find work for them.

Toy Fund Donors

With the IL219.900 contributed to *The Jerusalem Post*-Sa'ad Toy Fund yesterday, the total now stands at IL11,033.750. Contributors include:—

IL 100 — Histadrut Central Committee, Tel Aviv.

IL 50 — Rotary Club, Jerusalem.

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IL 0.500 — Rita Stern, Rishon le-Zion. Menahem Bergman (Kuky); Irah Breier, Haifa.

IL 0.150 — Itzak Hallero, Ramat Gan.

CRASH. — The bodies of nine American servicemen who died when a C-54 aircraft crashed in the Riff mountains on Monday were flown yesterday into Nouasseur air base, near Casablanca, from Spanish Morocco.

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Today, Dec. 15, Ramatayim Beit Hapoel, 8.45 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 16, Haifa, Amphitheatre; 8.45 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 17, Jaffa, Zion, 2 perfs. 6 and 9.30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 19, Rehovot, Beit Hapoel, 8.45 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 20, Herzliya, Tiferet, 8.45 p.m.

Marseilles Immigration Camp Is Dangerously Overcrowded—Btesh

Some 4,300 North African immigrants awaiting passage to Israel are packed into the Jewish Agency transit camp in Marseilles which has facilities for only 2,000 to 2,500, Dr. S. Btesh, Director-General of the Ministry of Health, observes in his report published in the Ministry's monthly bulletin on his recent visit to France and North Africa.

The French authorities have already complained to Agency officials on the dangerous state of the camp, he said.

Men, women and children are crowded together indiscriminately in 34 concrete barracks and 42 tents, and barracks capable of housing two or three families are made to do for seven and eight. Meals are eaten in the living quarters due to lack of dining space.

The large numbers of children living in cramped conditions has led to epidemic outbreaks of children's diseases, and during his visit to the camp, there were 40 cases of measles in the hospital with little opportunity for quarantining them.

There were also several cases of typhoid fever and children's dysentery under treatment, though there were no chronic diseases among the patients, a tribute to the selective medical examination of the immigrants at their country of origin.

Dr. Btesh added, however, that in the course of the summer, there had been six infant fatalities from dysentery. Most of the cases had been in the late stages when they arrived and inquiries in Casablanca had revealed that they had been healthy at the time of embarkation.

The disease had been contracted, apparently, during the three-to-four day ship passage, during which there had been no medical supervision whatsoever and where the food was admittedly unsatisfactory. At the instigation of Dr. Btesh the Jewish Agency agreed to send a nurse aboard every ship.

The immigrants spend an average of four to six weeks in the transit camp and, in Dr. Btesh's opinion, every effort must be made to shorten their stay under the present poor sanitary and social conditions. He added that, since there was no possibility of enlarging the camp, steps should be taken to set up an additional one.

'Kol Yisrael Has Outgrown Its Resources' Says Expert

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The development of Kol Yisrael since the State's establishment has lagged behind the extraordinary advances of the country in general, Mr. William Galbraith, U.N. specialist advising the radio services, said at a symposium held at the Journalists Association club in Jerusalem last week.

Mr. Galbraith, who is head of the B.B.C. South American Department, stated that the Kol Yisrael network has completely outgrown its resources. In a young country in which there was a long list of priorities, radio might not come first, he said, but he was not quite sure whether the Government realized the full potential of this unique instrument.

He compared the importance of the B.B.C. European Service, which first began during World War II and has grown to be the largest foreign network in the world, with Israel broadcasts today to the Diaspora and her neighbouring countries. He said that more vision was demanded from the Government to raise the standards of these broadcasts to the appropriate level.

From a technical point of view, Mr. Galbraith thought that the splitting of radio services into Kol Yisrael, Kol Zion Lagola and Galei Zahal was a waste of resources. He also expressed the opinion that the radio service should be a public corporation responsible to the Government and not a government department, as he maintained that radio should have a certain amount of independence.

Mr. Zvi Zinder, Director of the Israel Broadcasting Service, last night opened the revived fortnightly series "The State A-Building" with a talk explaining the purpose of these programmes. He said that he considered this series to be one of the most important features on the radio today.

AN ASSOCIATION of Estate Agents was established in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY HAS 1ST JAPANESE STUDENT

For the first time in its history, the Hebrew University this year has a Japanese student. He is Mr. Shintaro Hasegawa, of Tokyo, who is taking a one-year course in Jewish Studies, with the aid of a grant from the Tokyo Theological Seminary. Prior to his admission to the University, he completed a Hebrew language course at an ulpan in Jerusalem.

Mr. Hasegawa, who studied at Tokyo University and various American colleges, passed through the Old City of Jerusalem while on his way to the U.S. five years ago, but was not allowed by the Jordan authorities to cross the lines into Israel. Last year he met Professor Bonne, of the Hebrew University, at an international conference in Tokyo, who was able to help him in organising his studies in Jerusalem.

GARDNER BOOED OUT OF RING

BIRMINGHAM, Wednesday (Reuter). — Jack Gardner, former British heavyweight boxing champion, was booed out of the ring here last night after he had been awarded a 10-round points decision over Kitione Lave, of Tonga. Gardner was twice knocked to the canvas in the first round and finished the fight with his face a gory mess of blood. Lave, who hung his head in disbelief when Gardner's hand was raised, got the ovation of a champion as he went to the dressing room. Gardner meets Don Cockell for the British heavyweight title in London next April.

Persons wishing to start
Film Societies
(documentaries, classicals, educationals, non-commercial films) on membership basis should contact the Haifa Film Club secretary, 23 Rehov Panorama, Tel. 82449, Haifa, with a view to hiring films on cost-sharing basis.

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EDISON: The Blue Lagoon.
ORGIL: "Les Femmes S'en Balancent."
ORION: How to be Very Very Popular.
ORNA: Princess of the Nile.
RON: Pirates of Tripoli. At 10.30 a.m.: The Prince and the Pauper
ZION HALL: "Le Mouton A Cinq Pattes."
TEL OR: Tarzan's Hidden Jungle.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Adventures of Hajji Baba, 3rd week.
CHEN: Obsession, 2nd week.
ESTHER: Green Fire.
MOGRABI: Night People.
OPHIR: French Cancan, 5th week.
ORION: A Star is Born, 5th week.
SHDEROT: Mandy, 5th week. Matinees: The Wizard of Oz.
TAMAR: Marty, 8th week.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage," 5th week.
TABOR: Carnival Story.
ZAMIR: Furia, 3rd week.

HAIFA

ATZMON: Second Chance.
MAY: Battle Cry.
PEER: Children of the World.
GAL OR: Greatest Show on Earth. Matinees: Son of Ali Baba.
ORAH: Money from Home.
AMPHITHEATRE: Desiree, 3rd week.
EN DOR: Slattery's Hurricane.
MORIAH: Ring of Fear.
ORLY: The Browning Version, 2nd week.
ARMON: "La Rage au Corps."
ORION: Man Without a Star.

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Notices to the Public

The Military Public Relations Officer announces that an order has been issued by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, by the power vested in him under Ordinance 6(5) and 125 Defence Ordinance (Emergency) 1945, declaring Army training fields as closed areas, in order to prevent disturbing and endangering the lives of civilians.

A list of the restricted areas was made known to the settlements bordering these areas.

The areas will be marked with signs and special marking posts. Persons entering these areas for any purpose without a permit from the proper authorities will be liable to imprisonment up to five years, or a IL5.000 fine, or both.

The Police will enforce this order. The public is requested to refrain from entering said areas for its own benefit.

Examination for Tourist Guides

The annual written examinations for the receipt of Guide's Permits will be held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa on Monday, January 16, 1956 under the auspices of the Department of Antiquities and the Government Tourist Corporation.

All interested persons are requested to apply in writing to the Government Tourist Corporation, P.O.B. 1018, Jerusalem.

Those guides already in receipt of the appropriate Permit but who have undertaken to sit for the present examination should apply to the above address.

Following the written examinations, candidates will be informed of the date of the oral examination.

Licensed Guides — Renewal of Permits for 1956

The Government Tourist Corporation hereby draws the attention of those concerned with the guiding of Tourists to the law forbidding such guidance by persons not holding a special Permit issued by the appropriate authority. Such Permits should be renewed at the beginning of 1956.

All licensed guides wishing to renew their Permits for the coming year should apply to the Government Tourist Corporation (100 King George Avenue, P.O.B. 1018, Jerusalem).

Requests for renewal of Permits should be accompanied by the expired Permit for 1955, a photograph of the bearer together with IL5 for a country-wide Permit or IL2 for a local Permit.

Vacant Positions

Prime Minister's Office Tender 5/TB/R

The Civil Service Commission requires three assistants for the Planning and Personnel Dept., in Jerusalem. Grade 6-7. Preference will be given to candidates with experience or with knowledge of the organizational structure of public institutions.

Deadline for submitting applications is December 26, 1955. Interested persons should apply to the Civil Service Commission, Beit Elberstein, Jerusalem, with a IL3 registration fee.

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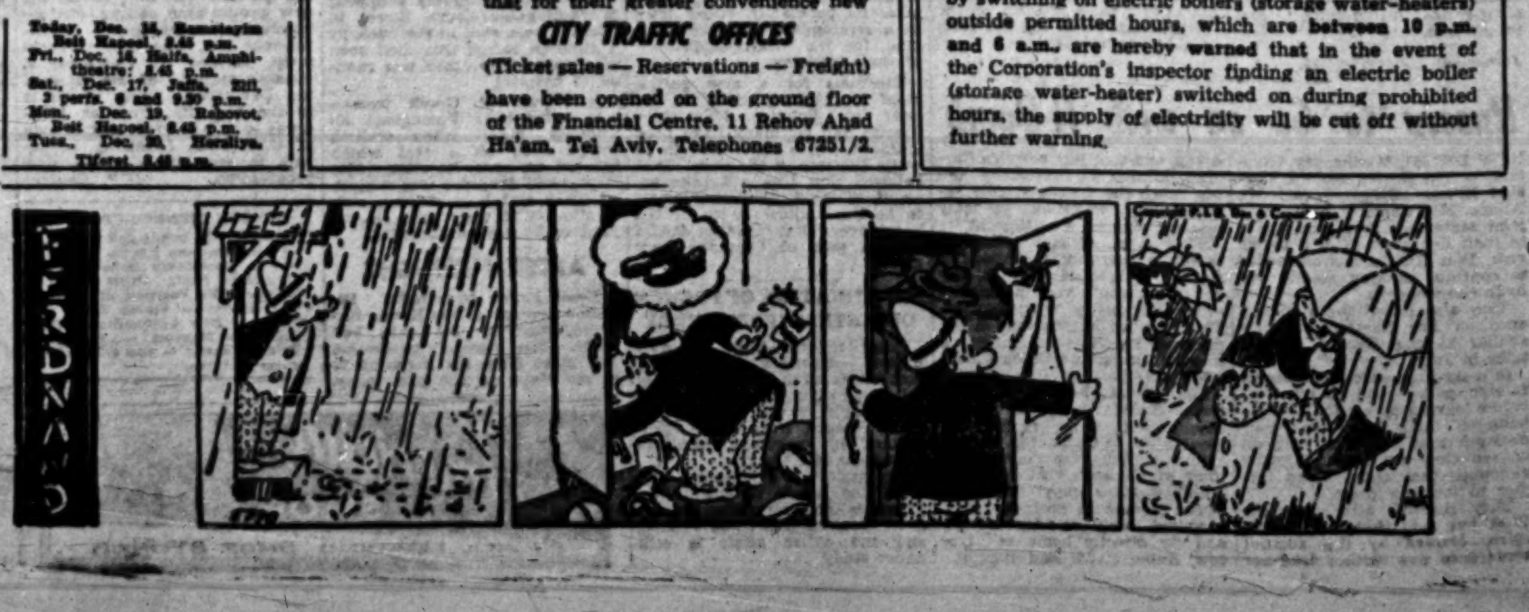

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Partly cloudy followed by showers and local thunderstorms.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	70	7	10	9
Tiberias	60	13	16	15
Haifa Port	58	15	17	16
Natanya	81	12	17	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	70	11	18	18
Tel Aviv Port	72	13	19	15
Lydda Airport	76	10	18	16
Jerusalem	84	5	13	13
Beersheba	60	4	17	17
Eilat	31	12	22	22

A) Humidity at 8 a.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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PLANS FOR the construction of a six-inch pipeline to carry refined oil from Haifa to Tel Aviv are to be prepared and carried out by a new company, Israel Fuel Lines, just set up by the Delek Fuel Company at the request of the Government.

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THE DEPARTURE of the s.s. Kishon from Haifa has been held up because of the local crew members' refusal to sail unless the foreign second engineer is replaced by the present Israel third engineer who qualifies as a second engineer. The Seamen's Union is supporting the crew.

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THE NORMS for handling citrus exports in Haifa Port have been raised by five per cent by agreement between the Port Workers Union and the United Port Services.

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THE TEL AVIV Municipality is to clear all public air raid shelters in its area. Private owners will be ordered to restore their shelters which have been put to other uses.

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FOR ALTERING the date of birth in her identity card to avoid military service and for failing to register for such service, Hanna Sabah, 23, of Jerusalem, was yesterday given a one-year suspended sentence by Dr. B. Halevi, President of the Jerusalem District Court.

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INOCULATIONS against rabies will be given to dogs at the Sanitation Department of the Jerusalem Municipality in the former WIZO Baby Home from 10 a.m. to noon today.

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A FRIESIAN BULL, valued at IL1,200, which was stolen on Tuesday night from a cowshed in Givatayim belonging to Mr. Eliezer Ullstein, was found yesterday by the police slaughtered in a grove 20 metres away.

Solel Boneh Staff Giving IL500,000 for Arms

Solel Boneh workers have doubled their earlier Defence Fund commitments to IL500,000, it was reported by the Ministry of Defence in the Tel Aviv Kirya yesterday.

Other contributions announced included IL3,000 from Kutonia Ltd., and IL7,500 from Lapid and Nechushtan.

An exhibition of 19 paintings and a sculpture, donated by Safad artists for the Arms Fund, opened at the Safad Town Hall yesterday. Almost immediately, eight paintings were sold for IL1,100 to local institutions and residents.

Jerusalem Advances Towards Establishing 'True Capital'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Of the two problems facing Jerusalem — putting the city on an even financial keel and implementing development projects which would make it the nation's capital in the truest sense of the word — the first has been solved and the solution to the second is in sight with a proposal to issue Municipal Bonds to the sum of IL3m.

This was stated yesterday by Mayor Gershon Agron, who, with his deputies, Rabbi Moshe Porush, Mr. Mordechai Ish-Shalom and Mr. Moshe Gevirtsman, gave the press an overall review of the administration's first three months in office.

In addition, Mr. Agron said that it was hoped to float a $2m. loan abroad.

While stressing that the sum of IL3m. had not been fixed definitely, the Mayor indicated that Jerusalem would have high priority in its right to issue the bonds.

Mr. Agron emphasized that the goodwill of citizens and a proper approach to problems of cleanliness, order and sanitation were invaluable in improving the appearance of the city. A typical example of conspicuous neglect was in a large building opposite the Knesset, whose window-pane, smashed by shelling in 1948, had not yet been repaired. (In connection with cleanliness, it was divulged that Rabbi Porush is planning to carry out a Clean-Up Week immediately after the rains end.)

Coffers Less Empty

The Mayor said that the city's coffers, empty three months ago, were "a little less empty today." The city had obtained loans of about IL750,000 from various banks on government backing, and about IL100,000, in outstanding debts, was being collected each month. The city had received loans totalling IL114,000 from Mifal Hapayis to build schools.

Regarding Municipal projects, Mr. Agron said that first and foremost the country must be given to understand that making Jerusalem a capital befitting the State was an undertaking of the entire nation — not only of local residents.

But the Municipality was going ahead with its plans to set up (with the help of the Jewish National Fund) parks covering 1,800 dunams; to build schools, a slaughterhouse, market and central bus station, and to improve the Har Menuhot cemetery.

Floodlights would be introduced into the city during holidays for now, even when the city is festooned with light bulbs, it gives the "appearance of a fair in a provincial town like Jenin or Jericho."

From January 1, Kol Yisrael will present every Friday a "Two Minutes About Jerusalem" programme, dedicated to a specific problem facing the city.

An American philanthropist, Mr. Sam Rubin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, has agreed to donate $300,000 for a building for the Jerusalem Academy of Music. Regarding the city's IL2.5m. target for the Defence Fund, almost 40 per cent would soon be realised.

Mekorot Deal

Mr. Ish-Shalom, reporting on his negotiations with Mekorot on the latter leasing the water pipeline from the Corridor to the Romema Quarter for a two-three month trial period, said that agreement was almost in sight. Mekorot had offered to supply water at Romema 50 pruta cheap per cubic metre.

This, and other savings effected, would save the city about IL300,000 a year. In addition, Mekorot would pay IL25,000 annually towards amortisation.

The staff of the Building Supervision Department was being augmented, and the city was making a determined effort to stop illegal building. This would be done by increasing penalties, or permitting contractors to construct first floors only after they had completed the water cistern, shelter and sewerage system.

The Ministry of Labour had been requested to observe local building restrictions; if it refused, the Ministry of Interior would be asked to intervene.

Other Municipal projects are:

- The Government has been asked to continue public building in Jerusalem despite its decision to curtail such works;
- the electric company was to build a giant transformer on the outskirts of the city to supply more power for domestic and industrial consumption;
- the number of street lights, now 1,500, would be increased by 25 per cent;
- the entrance road to the city, from Givat Shaul to the United Home for the Aged, would be widened and lined with trees;
- it was expected that arrangements would be made with a local bank to advance funds for monthly salaries; the city would repay the sums during the month.

CITIZENS URGED TO PAINT AND PLANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A IL3,000 contribution to the Municipality, as part of the Rotary Club's Jubilee Project, was announced at Jerusalem Rotary's gala luncheon at the King David Hotel yesterday at which Mayor Gershon Agron was the guest speaker.

The money is to be used by the Municipality for recreation facilities for young people. In expressing his thanks, the Mayor reviewed plans for the city's future development, quoting from Herzl's diary, on what the founder of the Zionist Movement envisaged for Jerusalem as a capital.

Jerusalem must be a proper city before it can be a worthy capital, the Mayor said, appealing to all citizens to develop civic pride and to adopt a slogan of "paint and plant." Doors, window frames and fences should be painted, and gardens, or window boxes if no land is available, should be planted with bright flowers.

POLIO VACCINE HERE THIS YEAR

REHOVOT, Wednesday. — The Ministry of Health will make every effort to have anti-polio vaccine this year, both by producing it here and importing it, the Minister, Mr. Y. Barzilai, told Kupat Holim officials during a tour of the Kaplan Hospital here today.

There were 3.1 beds per 1,000 of the population, he said. Pointing to the demands that will arise from increased immigration during the coming three years, he explained that to reach a minimum of four beds per 1,000, an immediate addition of 1,200 beds is required.

There were 1,000-1,200 mentally sick in the country who were not receiving treatment, and no ordered society could tolerate this, the Minister declared. The Ministry will help in setting up a hospital in Beersheba to serve the Negev and one in Ashkelon which will also cater for the Lachish area.

Speaking on the relations between the Ministry and Kupat Holim, he said that there was room for cooperation with all medical institutions, adding that there was a need for State planning.

AN EXHIBITION of sculptures by the late Ze'ev Ben-Zvi was opened in the Yad Lebanim centre in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

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Zionist Leaders to Press For Senate Resolution on Israel Pact

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Too much depends on our work on the American political front during the crucial months of February and March for the Zionist leadership in the U.S. to agree to hold the 24th Zionist Congress in February, as has been suggested, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, told the press in Jerusalem yesterday.

He pointed out that the U.S. Congress is due to reconvene on January 6, and every effort is being made to muster the necessary two-thirds majority in the Senate to push through the hoped-for U.S.-Israel mutual security pact. On January 18 and 19, a national conference of Zionist leaders is to be held in Washington to be followed by a dinner attended by some 100 Senators and Representatives.

No pro-pact resolution will be proposed if it is not reasonably certain of being accepted, but once proposed, it would have to be steered through the whole complex of Senate committee hearings, Dr. Goldmann said. The Jewish leaders would have to be on hand in Washington to appear before the committees. If the resolution proves successful, and if the Administration supports it or even remains neutral, there is every reason to suppose that it will be passed and American Zionists will be in a position to turn their attention to the Congress, probably some time in April.

At a meeting of the Praesidium of the Zionist General Council and the heads of the Zionist political parties last night, a decision was taken, subject to the approval of the Jewish Agency Executive, that a Congress be held in Israel not later than April 11.

Pay Cash for Arms

Reviewing the American scene, Dr. Goldmann said that Israel has a good chance of receiving State Department approval for arms purchases in the U.S. In the event of a favourable Department decision, he urged that Israel pay cash for her arms in order to get quick delivery, recalling the experience of the Egyptians, who succeeded in obtaining approval for their purchases but when they asked for three years to pay, the deal fell through.

Arms, however, are no substitute for the mutual security pact, Dr. Goldmann emphasized. The pact, which would necessarily assume Arab acquiescence, would be a much more effective instrument than the 1950 tripartite declaration, he said. But, he added, we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that the pact would justifiably open the door to demands for increased American influence over Israel's foreign policy. Dr. Goldmann said that he does not believe that the U.S. has any prepared plan calling for Israel concessions to the Arabs as a precondition to entering into such an agreement with Israel, but the U.S. would expect, rather, a certain flexibility in the attitudes of both sides towards such a treaty.

IL3.6m. More Circulating

Currency in circulation rose this week by IL3,640,059 to IL196,843,816, the Bank of Israel announced last night. Treasury bills increased by IL3,390,000, while foreign currency decreased by IL240,343.

Mapai Today Debates Wage, Price Freeze

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A complete freeze of wages and prices for another year is the basis of an emergency programme to be presented today by the Mapai Wage Committee for the approval of the Party's Central Committee.

The proposal includes withdrawing 50 per cent of the increase in wages proposed by the 1955 (Guri) Wage Committee, maintaining all direct taxes at their present level, and no increases in customs or commodity prices.

Meanwhile, academic workers have been organising to oppose any cut in their proposed higher salaries. Resistance from senior civil servants however, is not expected to be considerable. Mapai hopes to convince them that it is essential for them to withhold their claims for a year.

Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda, who have not agreed to the wage freeze, continue to demand a minimum 10 per cent increase in basic pay.

WORST WINTER'S DAY IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A violent thunderstorm woke many residents at about 4 o'clock this morning to the worst day of the winter. The storm continued intermittently until after 7 o'clock, with loud bursts of house-shaking thunder.

At 7 o'clock, a hailstorm crashed down on the town, followed by heavy intermittent rains. By tonight, the rain was still coming down "in buckets."

The Fire Brigade was busy all day pumping out water, especially from the low-lying districts and the Shemen Beach hut quarter where a number of residents were temporarily evacuated.

The hilly streets several times during the day were turned into fast-flowing rivers. Nevertheless, the police reported only one accident; Nadia Rahmani, 9, of Eglon Stairs, was seriously hurt when run over by a car in Rehov Khayat at 9.30 this morning.

MENUHIN HERE FOR CONCERT TOUR

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, his wife and eldest daughter, 16-year-old Zamira, arrived here for a two-and-a-half-week visit, in the s.s. Filippo Grimani today.

Mr. Menuhin will appear here with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in twelve subscription concerts, the first in Tel Aviv tomorrow, the proceeds of which will go to the Orchestra. The proceeds of one additional concert will be given to the I.P.O. Pension Fund. He will play works by Bartok, whom he considers to be the most important contemporary composer, and Beethoven. He will also give five recitals, three in Tel Aviv and one each in Jerusalem and Haifa.

MA'BARA 16 DAYS WITHOUT WATER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Ir Hamifrats *ma'bara*, near Acre, was still without water for the 16th day despite an agreement reached here yesterday between the *ma'bara* committee, the Na'aman District Council and Mekorot Water Company.

Conditions were reported tonight to be "dreadful beyond imagination." The nearest tap is over a kilometre away, and only three buses travel there daily. This evening, men and boys were carrying pails over the soggy fields. Last week, an expectant mother, Mrs. L. Badash, fell while carrying two pails of water and had a miscarriage.

Exporters Seek Low Interest, Subsidies

Exporters of both the Histadrut and the private sector yesterday demanded that subsidies up to 800 pruta a dollar be paid them and that interest on credits be limited to five per cent.

They put their claims at a meeting with Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, who stressed that he wanted to hear their ideas before the Government took decisions on the export system within a fortnight.

Tax Increase Protest Rejected

The Knesset yesterday rejected, 31-16, motions for the agenda concerning the increase in quarterly income tax payments of self-employed persons from 25 to 37½ per cent. The motions were submitted by Mr. Zalman Sussayeff (General Zionists) and Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut).

Mr. Sussayeff said that the Minister of Finance seemed to assume that the incomes of self-employed persons had risen automatically this year. But there were many fields where this was not so.

Although the total tax payable would in many cases be less than that paid in 1954/55, the Treasury was going to collect 125 per cent of last year's tax in advance payments (since the first two quarterly payments were 25 per cent each and the last two were to be 37½ per cent each). And it was common knowledge that the amount collected in advance payments had considerable influence on the final assessment.

Mr. Sussayeff, therefore, proposed that any increase in the advance quarterly payments require the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee. He also asked that the Income Tax Ordinance be amended to permit Assessing Officers to reduce the amount of the quarterly payments where it was shown that the tax this year would be less than last year's. The law now permitted such reduction only if the income was *less;* but there were many cases where a lower tax would be payable on the same income.

Eshkol's Reply

Replying, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, said there was no reason to require the consent of the Finance Committee to increases in the amounts of the advance payments, since this was an administrative matter. The estimates of 1955/56 income were based not on last year's income, but on that of 1952, and it was safe to assume that a man who earned IL2,400 in 1952 would earn IL4,000 this year.

No doubt there were cases where this did not apply. But the injustice here would be only for a few months until the taxpayer proved that he had paid in advance payments more than the total due from him. In such cases the difference would be repaid. But it was not true that the amount of advance payments collected determined the final assessment. Even now IL100,000 a month were being returned to both wage earners and employees.

"I don't know that it is preferable for the general public and the State to lose out because a single individual temporarily pays a little more than he should until justice is done," Mr. Eshkol said. As to Mr. Sussayeff's second suggestion, this would be included among a number of income tax amendments to be proposed within the next six weeks together with the new budget estimates.

Dr. Bader rejected Mr. Eshkol's argument that no permanent injustice was being done. He said that many taxpayers were in a difficult predicament; they could not make the payments, and there was no appeal. Instead they were being told: pay first and complain later, when you get the final assessment. "If a shop must close down because it can't meet the unfair payments, what good does it do the owner if justice is finally done in a year or two?"

The motions of both Mr. Sussayeff and Dr. Bader failed, receiving only the votes of Herut and the General Zionists. A motion by Mr. Wilner (Communists) to refer the matter to committee was also defeated.

Problem of Dangerous Buildings 'Financial'

The problem of dangerous buildings is essentially a financial one, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda, Minister of Interior, indicated yesterday when suggesting that the Knesset discuss the matter during the budget debate. As far as compelling landlords to make repairs, the judicial authorities had agreed that cases involving danger to human life would be given priority, he stated.

Speaking in reply to a motion for the agenda by Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam), Mr. Bar-Yehuda said that in Jerusalem 40 families living in the most dangerous houses would be housed for four months in the Monastery of the Cross with the kind permission of the Greek Orthodox Church, after the intercession of the Greek Consul General. But there were another 310 families in Jerusalem living in dangerous houses which could not be repaired until the inhabitants found other accommodation.

In Ramle, an evacuation order had to be issued against 36 families who refused to move out of buildings in imminent danger of collapse and move into the local *ma'bara.*

Mr. Rubin accepted Mr. Bar-Yehuda's suggestion that the motion be struck from the agenda, since it had been dealt with in part by the Internal Affairs Committee, and would be dealt with further in the course of the budget debate.

The Internal Affairs Committee yesterday tabled in the Knesset its conclusions on the question of flood damage, which was referred to it last month.

The Committee found that the budget for relief to flood victims should be increased.

Contractor Ordered To Raze Illegal Rooms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Exactly one year after he was first ordered to demolish two rooms built illegally in the Kiryat Shmuel Quarter of Jerusalem, Efraim Cohen, a Jerusalem contractor, was again ordered to raze the rooms by the same Jerusalem Municipal Court.

In handing down sentence yesterday, Magistrate Meir Murciano imposed a four-month time limit on tearing down the rooms which are occupied by Miss Y. Shelley, a Hadassah nurse, and Dr. A. Goldberg, of the Hebrew University. Cohen was also fined IL120 with the alternative of 30 days in prison.

'DOCTOR' SENTENCED FOR SORCERY, IMMORALITY

RAMLE, Wednesday.—For committing an indecent act against a 22-year-old girl while purporting to cure her of an illness, S. Zaguri, 26, a local resident, was today given a three-month sentence suspended for two years, by Magistrate Zion Aloof here. The accused was also charged with sorcery and with practising medicine without a licence.

NESHER WANTS TO LAY OFF STAFF

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Nesher cement plant has suggested putting 200 of its 770 workers on indefinite unpaid leave, as there is not sufficient work at the plant. The factory's cement stocks are piling up because of the drop in building activities, it reports, while export prospects are not bright.

Public Bodies to Be Required To Notify Police of Crimes

The Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Ministry of Justice is now working on a draft bill requiring public organizations to notify the police of any crimes discovered by them. The Minister, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, revealed this in the Knesset yesterday when speaking on a motion for the agenda by Mr. Joseph Saphir (General Zionists) on "the exercise of judicial authority by public bodies." Mr. Rosen agreed to a debate.

Mr. Saphir quoted from a newspaper account that a member of Kibbutz Ma'barot had recently been taken to the King David Hotel in Natanya and had been kept there under "private" house arrest by another member of the settlement. Only after three days had the police intervened after they reached an agreement with the secretariat of the kibbutz.

Another newspaper report stated that the Haifa Workers Council had for several days prevented the police from entering the Phoenicia plant and conducting an investigation. (In a "personal statement" later, Mr. Yosef Almogi (Mapai), secretary of the Council, denied this.)

There had also been a number of cases, Mr. Saphir asserted, where internal judicial institutions of political parties intervened when civil servants were suspected of criminal acts and tried the persons for acts committed in the course of their official duties. We had almost reached the stage where the country was nothing but a confederation of political parties, and not a State at all, he charged.

Bill Being Prepared

Mr. Rosen said in reply that on November 7 the Ministry of Justice had received a letter from the Prime Minister suggesting that, in accordance with Section 39 of the Basic Principles of the new Government, a draft law be prepared on the duty of institutions and organizations of all kinds to refer to the police and the courts any case of criminal activity discovered by them.

The Minister said that his Ministry was now working on such a bill which, he thought, should provide for punishment of institutions that failed to turn over information to the police.

Mr. Rosen was of the opinion that all political parties, without exception, had "sinned" in this matter. Mr. Saphir was right in charging that they had taken it upon themselves to judge their members in matters not of internal discipline alone, but of criminal actions as well.

It was interesting to note, Mr. Rosen added, that not only were private citizens not forced by law to notify the authorities when they knew a crime had been committed but even, the State Comptroller was not required, but only "entitled" to inform the Attorney-General in such a case. All citizens were, of course, required to give proper warning with respect to a crime which was planned to take place in the future.

A CHESS CORNER has been opened at the ZOA House. Several sets are available and prizes will be awarded for the winners of a tournament.

Cables in Brief

COMET. — A British Comet jetliner landed yesterday in Honolulu, completing the 5,150-km. flight from the Fiji Islands in the record time of six hours and 52 minutes, chopping three hours and 48 minutes from the former record.

PARLIAMENTARY. — Delegations from both Houses of the Supreme Soviet will visit London next summer as guests of Parliament, it was announced in London yesterday. The visit will probably take place soon after the one scheduled for Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Secretary of the Communist Party.

COLD. — The British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, has a chill and is confined to his room with a slight temperature, it was announced in London yesterday.

JORDAN RETRACTS CROSSING BAN

The Jordan Government has retracted its previous decision barring Christmas pilgrims and tourists not residing in Israel from returning to Israel via Mandelbaum Gate, the Old City daily, "Falastin," reported yesterday. Such persons, according to the new ruling, may cross to and from Jordan on condition that they spend at least four days in Jordan.

According to the Diplomatic Correspondent of "The Times," the practice of Christmas pilgrims staying at hotels in Israel and crossing into Jordan just for Christmas, has become normal since "hotel accommodation on the Israel side is superior to what a tourist is likely to find on the Jordan side."

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AMMAN LEANS WEST

FOR some time past before yesterday's cabinet change which brought the country into the Western camp Jordan had been swaying precariously between the extremes of a possible pro-Egyptian orientation, and the full acceptance of their current status of a British protege. This conflict had become increasingly sharp in recent months, and resulted in such moves as the sudden dismissal of General Jundi, Gen. Glubb's assistant in the command of the Arab Legion. The Arab commander had spent much of his time in Cairo, and sought both to turn the Legion into an instrument of Egyptian policy, and to free the trigger-happy National Guard from Legion control. He also disagreed with Glubb's recent policy of preventing rather than encouraging infiltration into Israel in order to avoid the danger of a serious clash with the Israel forces which was liable to damage the Legion's carefully built up reputation and to reduce its assets. But Britain has made stupendous efforts to beat Egypt in the race for Jordan's favours, driven by the knowledge that its last safe bastion in the Middle East was seriously threatened. Apart from offering to increase the Legion's armaments by supplying aircraft and heavy tanks, and initiating development schemes, they took the trouble to pander to Arab vanity by inviting young King Hussein on an official visit to Britain last summer, carried out with full royal trappings, and sending the C.I.G.S., General Templer, to negotiate the terms of the new treaty that is to bring Jordan into the Baghdad pact.

It is true also that Jordan did not have much choice. The country is excessively poor and backward, and though it is not altogether arid, it has not the kind of manpower required to carry out development schemes successfully without foreign organization as well as money. Jordan is under the necessity of seeking a permanent subsidy to prevent the total collapse of its government. Under the influence of the former Palestinians, who have continued to look only backward to their defeat in 1948, an attempt has been made to break the ties with Britain by seeking aid from oil-rich Iraq and Saudi Arabia, but their promises have never materialized; they could certainly not be relied upon to supply the £10m. required annually for the Arab Legion even at its present level of armament. Even the newly-made economic agreement with Iraq promises Jordan £1,600,000 a year in aid. Any much larger sum, Jordan may fear, would end in their being totally incorporated by Iraq.

Now that Jordan has been successfully brought into the Baghdad orbit, it is likely that the Lebanon will establish the pro-Western stand that comes natural to its largely Christian population, dissociate itself still further from Syria, and in turn announce its adherence to the Pact. This will complete the split in the Arab world, with Syria hemmed in by four member states of the Baghdad Pact, and separated by Israel from its only ally, Egypt. There is a criss-crossing of axes and alliances here that can hardly be conducive to stability in the area, and the more the pact grows, the more Egypt is likely to attempt to re-assert its waning influence, with Israel as apparently the most promising object of attack. The creation of the Baghdad Pact, with its challenge to Egyptian supremacy among the Arab states prior to the serious guaranteeing of Israel's borders and the ending of Arab-Israel tension, may in future come to be recognized as one of the worst political blunders of the period. But this will not prevent the Western Powers from endeavouring to recruit new members for it at the present time.

DIVERS TO SEARCH FOR BOY IN EIN KAREM DAM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Divers, rubber boats and a task force of 50 policemen are to be brought to Jerusalem to open an intensive search for the body of Moshe Ben-Sasson, 14, who recently drowned in the Ein Karem reservoir, it is learned. All able-bodied men and boys in the Kastel ma'bara, where Moshe lived, are to be mobilized.

The boy jumped into the reservoir, which is about eight metres deep in places, on [illegible] "[illegible] too deep," his friends reported.

FRENCH ELECTORAL PATTERN CLEARER

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS (OFNS). — AFTER a few days of political pea soup in which nobody in France knew what the sudden elections were all about, the campaign is now assuming the plain contours of a three-cornered fight between the conservative coalition now in power; the Centre-Left, newly-christened "Republican Front," and the Communist Party. Groups which refuse to fit into any of these three categories can be dismissed as the lunatic fringe.

The conservative groups that chose to hold elections on January 2, which seemed the most favourable date for the present Government, do not include the ultra-diehards who quit the Faure coalition over concessions to the Arab nationalists in North Africa, nor the militarists who would like to see France governed by uniformed, strong-armed methods. They are, on the contrary, the "little men" or, to use the French term, the "moderates," who want to keep taxes down and preserve France as a principally peasant and artisan country of small businesses, leaving the arduous and expensive task of modern defence to their transatlantic allies. They have a large Roman Catholic clientele willing to make social concessions to the poor, but hostile to the atheistic implications of Socialist materialism.

Faure's Position

These people have never been more than a minority, and have retained power thanks to active cooperation from the Centre parties which in France traditionally hold the political balance. Thus, the present Premier, M. Edgar Faure, is by no means an old-fashioned conservative, but is simply convinced that the only safe way of modernizing the French economy and liberalizing the French empire is through little-by-little policies and never going faster than the moderate conservatives can accept.

These "trimmers," mostly members of the Radical Party, argue that the principal task in politics is to conserve power, and, with the Left irretrievably divided into Communists and anti-Communists, the safest partners are on the Right. In the last two-and-a-half years in which M. Faure, first as Minister of Finance and then as Prime Minister, has directed the French economy, France has shared the general European crest of prosperity and he might well have hoped that his choice of allies would be approved by the traditionally accommodating and loosely-knit Radical Party to which he belonged.

Gradually, M. Faure became aware that while he was occupied in trying to manage his wobbly Centre-Right coalition and direct it in the business of government, his dynamic rival for party leadership, M. Pierre Mendes-France, was winning the Radical Party away.

By calling snap elections, M. Faure hoped that electoral exigencies would dissuade the leaders from risking a rupture, but, on the contrary, the moment he signed the decree prematurely dissolving Parliament, M. Mendes-France snatched the Radical carpet out from under him, and the Prime Minister found himself expelled from his own party. A lesser man would have been discouraged, but M. Faure lost no time in fabricating for himself another political label.

New Party

The R.G.R. (Rassemblement de Gauche Republicaine) had originated before the last elections as no more than a union of existing Centre parties, but the Rightist elements predominated and when, after the last Radical congress, M. Mendes-France tried to send in a new delegation to represent the reformed Radical Party, the R.G.R. refused to receive it. It thereupon ceased to be a union of parties and became an autonomous party of its own, and in practice a political asylum for the Prime Minister and other "trimmers" who do not wish to serve under a Left-wing banner.

Meanwhile, the Socialists, the Mendes-France Radicals, and a number of unattached Left-wing groups have formed a Republican Front with a Left-wing, though not revolutionary, economic and colonial programme, and enjoying what in France is the best of electoral assets: being against the Government.

The Communists would have liked to ally themselves to this Republican Front and argued forcefully that continued division on the Left was the best guarantee of keeping the Right in power. Many Socialists and Radicals doubtless agreed, but after passionate debating the majority of Socialists followed their leader, M. Guy Mollet, in repudiating the Communist offer, and the Radicals rapidly followed suit.

Communist Prospects

In isolation, the Communists can be expected once again to pull between one-quarter and one-fifth of the vote, but in the distribution of seats they will benefit by the rupture inside the Centre groups, who last year joined forces to keep the Communist candidates out, but this time will be fighting each other.

The outcome of the struggle between the "moderates" and the new Republican Front is, on the other hand, impossible to predict. Old electoral statistics are no guide, as the Radical Party has never before been run on monolithic Left-wing principles and no one has the slightest idea how far — if at all — the Party's electoral clientele will follow. Two other major unknown factors are the four million voters who voted Gaullist last time, when the General seemed a possible candidate for power, and most of whom are expected to desert now that their leader has retired; secondly, the almost million new voters who have become eligible since 1951, and whose political allegiance is totally unknown.

HEARD ABROAD

I think that this country, with its broad democratic intelligence, would be able to handle any situation that might be created by any visitors of any kind. — Sir Anthony Eden.

If we had a single member of the Government responsible for noise, it would concentrate his mind. — Sir Lionel Heald, M.P.

In our circles love is morally indispensable; but from a strategic point of view it is a calamity. — Film star Francoise Arnoul.

King Saud of Arabia listening to an address of welcome from Pandit Nehru, at the historic Red Fort in New Delhi, on his recent visit to India. Express Photo

A Speaker for the Lebanon

By SULAMITH SCHWARTZ

IN a hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 8, there died a parish priest whose eager mind and dynamic energies had constantly gone far beyond the limits of his small New England town and church to passionate concentration on the problems of the Middle East. To know him was to realize the strength of a national force too often disregarded or discounted by students of this area.

Father Joseph Awad of Waterville, Maine, was one of the outstanding leaders and spokesmen of the approximately quarter of a million Lebanese emigrants of the Maronite (Uniate Catholic) faith in the United States. His articles were quoted frequently in the press of the large South-American Lebanese emigration and even at "home" in the Lebanon.

Son of Mount Lebanon, Joseph Awad was the proud descendant of Maronite Patriarchs who had led their country during the days of massacre and trouble beginning in the Forties of the 19th century. Starting his career as secretary to Archbishop Monbarak in Beirut, he was sent across the seas to minister to churches of Lebanese emigrants in America. Waterville, Maine, a textile town in the northeast corner of the United States, was his last parish, and he gave its small Lebanese community, hailing mainly from Sidon, forceful leadership. He built a beautiful church, decorated with marble brought specially from Beit Meri in the Lebanese Mountains.

Father Awad preached love and service for the Lebanon tirelessly, and his flock was not allowed to forget the homeland. He was one of the first Maronite priests in the United States to establish a Lebanese parochial school where the children, instead of attending the town public schools, were instructed not only in general subjects but in the creed of Catholicism, as specifically expressed in the ancient rituals of the Maronite Church. Above all, his children were instructed in the history, geography and traditions of the Lebanon.

He contributed not only to the Arab language Lebanese press of New York and Detroit but addressed communications to the large American dailies where the voice of the Maronite community had never been heard before. If Dorothy Thompson in her column in the "Washington Evening Star" of December 8, 1950, described all the Middle East except Turkey, Iran and Israel, as Arab and all except Israel as Moslem, a few days later a letter appeared in the paper from Father Awad's pen, insisting that for the three quarters of a million Christian Lebanese emigrants in the Americas and the half million and more Christians in the Lebanon herself, "Miss Thompson's sweeping denial of the Lebanon's special Christian history, culture and tradition will come as very strange news indeed."

He went on to say that Islam had swept away "most of the great, old Christian communities of the Middle East—the descendants of the world's first Christians," while the Lebanon remained the Christian refuge of the entire region, cherishing a feeling of kinship with the Western world.

It is a short step from the conclusion of this letter to the sentiment expressed in Father Awad's last article, printed in the Detroit "Lisan al-Adl" last spring. Bewailing the silent economic boycott imposed upon the Lebanon by Egypt and Syria and Saudi Arabia, he insisted that if the Arab League's professions of unity and brotherhood amounted to no more than that, the Lebanon should once and for all follow her own real interests and make peace with Israel.

There was only one test for him: what was good for the Lebanon, the traditional historic Lebanon he loved, was good for world civilization, progress and peace.

He has left behind a generation of Lebanese Americans whose bonds with the Lebanon were made even closer by his work, his writing and his example.

Readers' Letters

ARMS SHIPMENTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We are assailed by headlines in our daily papers screaming about arms shipments to the various Arab states, and statements by Israel's political and military leaders explaining the consequences of these shipments. While it would be disastrous to us to underestimate the seriousness of our situation, it is also very dangerous to lower the morale of our citizens by overestimating the ability of our enemies to crush us.

As long as dictators need scapegoats for their bloody regimes, so long will Jews, wherever they concentrate in numbers, be threatened with annihilation. We have learned from bitter experience, too, throughout our exile in the Diaspora, that those who portray their friendliness to us with nice speeches, have usually stood aside when we were submitted to the process of annihilation.

Weapons to Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Syria will not stop those who have survived tortures and gas chambers. The Arabs need the weapons to make them brave; our Army is brave without being clad in armour. If and when our enemies decide that the time is ripe for a second round we will have little choice between what we are able and what we must do to survive and emerge victorious on the battlefield. It will do us little good either then or now, for that matter, to make defeatist speeches. We cannot be chicken-hearted for the sake of raising money for arms. We must at all times keep our heads high in unison and keep silent about our means and intentions towards the future.

Yours etc.
ARTHUR M. LIPSCHITZ
Kfar Ata, December 8.

TIBERIAS BATHS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In connection with your report about the medical examination of bathers at Tiberias Hot Springs in your issue of October 28, we should like to point out that the aim of the compulsory examination is to produce maximum results and to obviate possible injury to a bather's health through the misapplication of treatments offered at the baths. The Ministry of Health, the Israel Medical Association and the Medical School of the Hebrew University have been requested by the Medical Director of the Hot Springs to form a committee whose recommendations will be the basis for the carrying out of these examinations.

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Yours, etc.
TIBERIAS HOT SPRINGS COMPANY LTD.

PEACE EFFORTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The reaction in all parts of the British press to the recent suggestions of Sir Anthony Eden in his Guildhall speech was anything but enthusiastic. Apart from one or two daily papers, there was the general feeling that no fair peace settlement would be achieved on the basis of such pronouncements. It was even more interesting, perhaps, to find in daily talks with non-Jewish friends and fellow workers, that the ordinary people regarded such propositions or suggestions as highly unrealistic.

People think that it is not enough to preach or to recommend restraint to others and to ask them for sacrifices for what is thought to be peace. The great powers should first of all produce some shining example. Why must just the tiny State of Israel be singled out to agree with any compromise or to accept the blame for being uncooperative? Is there a double type of "ethics" in the world today — this world of the United Nations — one for the big powers and another one for small countries?

And there are Jews who are wondering why even "good friends" display a precarious attitude towards Israel affairs. Some very strange cartoons are appearing nowadays in the liberal "Manchester Guardian," drawn by the famous Low, indicating that Israel is trying to disturb the peace "efforts." Indeed, the Jews should come to some final conclusions: to concentrate on their own — and only their own — potentialities.

Yours, etc. *J. RAPHAEL*
Middlesex, England, November 28.

Jerusalem Art Notes

Dolls, Puppets and Toys

THE little Hanukka exhibition at the Arts and Crafts Room of the Jerusalem Artists House is far more important than one would gather from its modest name.

The extremely gifted participants are Edith Samuel and Fanny Pelz, and the Ahlfelds of Haifa. The work of Edith Samuel and Fanny Pelz will look familiar to anybody who has ever glanced into the windows of any of the country's arts and crafts shops. After a second look, however, he will find these little masterpieces to be somehow different. He will become aware of the fact that Edith Samuel and Fanny Pelz are probably the most frequently copied and most consistently plagiarized artists of Israel.

The Real Thing

Edith Samuel's original dolls have a strength of characterization, a balance and poise which none of the innumerable copies ever attain. The "Yemenite Boy" in the exhibition, or the "Old Yemenite" may be made out of coloured plaster and odds and ends, but it has a claim to be called sculpture. Her *sabras* with pony tail and *keffiye*, her schoolboys playing the mouth organ, her newsboys and Yemenite women are a genuine artistic expression of Israel's daily life.

The tiny figurines of Fanny Pelz are designed in rhythmic lines that are caught to perfection. They also have an artistic quality that puts them high above the industrially mass-produced copies.

Family Affair

The Ahlfelds of Haifa could be the nucleus of a flourishing home toy-making industry of the type which supplement the economy of so many European mountain districts where the soil is poor. The enchanting wood-carved animals made by Herman Ahlfeld, who was well-known in Europe and had a fine toy factory in France until the Nazis came, are exhibited as samples of what, according to him, almost everybody can learn to make.

To prove the point, we have the captivating marionettes made by his teen-age daughter Hava, the tiny wood and felt animals created by 14-year-old Roni, and some really funny pictures, felt on plywood, produced by Hanan, aged 10. Add to these the hilariously funny hand-and-stick-puppets made by Miriam Ahlfeld, whose masks were exhibited last month at the Artists House, and you have the whole teaching staff of a crafts school whose graduates could produce something more interesting than the endless camels and donkeys now populating the windows of our shops.

Reviewing this exhibition, I cannot withstand the temptation to mention an artist who should be there, but isn't. Before the War of Liberation Helen Rost created, with her husband, Martin (who fell in the War), the "Little World" figurines which belonged to the very best that Israel's souvenir industry ever offered. If her workshop were reopened it could produce export-goods that would be popular all over the world.

Two Fine Artists

ELIAHU Sigard's exhibition, also at the Artists House, is a joy to behold on these bleak and rainy days. An extract of warmth and sunlight seems to be preserved in his strongly coloured oils and gouaches. Sigard's work ripens from one of his wisely spaced shows to the next. He is a full-blooded painter of pictures that have strength and clarity. His figures are balanced and harmonious. The architectural pieces combine depth with rhythmic pattern. I especially like the "Palm Grove," the "Studio," the "Akko" pieces and the "Pottery Shop." Many of Sigard's pictures look like sketches for frescoes. It would be worthwhile employing Eliahu Sigard in the design of Israel travel posters.

Curt Singer

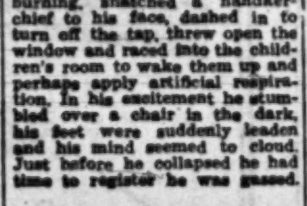
WHILE Sigard's development is continuous and, in a way, foreseeable, Curt Singer's new paintings at the "Nora" Gallery will be a pleasant surprise even to the old admirers of his art. A good painter has blossomed into something almost approaching greatness. The grace and lightness of his new water colours are truly enchanting.

We knew Curt Singer for many years as the gifted, diligent and competent painter of Jerusalem's architecture. Suddenly he has loosened up, lost all his inhibitions and gained elan of line and brilliance of colour.

Th.F.M.

KEEPING POSTED

"REMEMBER that peculiar smell there used to be in Haifa, the one we thought came from the Refineries because we noticed it every time the wind came from the East?" said Mrs. M. to Mr. M. "Well, I can smell just the same thing now." Mr. M. said it couldn't be, as everyone knows the air in Jerusalem is particularly fresh and pure. Just imagination, he said. She was always imagining things. To appease her he offered to make the tea. As he opened the kitchen door the smell — not unlike stale fish — came billowing up against him. He saw that the tap of the gas stove was wide open and no flame was burning, snatched a handkerchief to his face, dashed in to turn off the tap, threw open the window and raced into the children's room to wake them up and perhaps apply artificial respiration. In his excitement he stumbled over a chair in the dark, his feet were suddenly leaden and his mind seemed to cloud. Just before he collapsed he had time to register he was gassed.



When he came to the doctor from next door had his head well down and was applying alcohol to his nose. The two little boys danced up and down yelling "Aba is alive after all!" The doctor turned to his wife and said "There, you see, I told you this isn't coal gas, it's not poisonous in the least. He just imagined it. These things happen." There was no malice in her smile because she is a nice woman.

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INCOME tax discourages hard work? Try Out-Go tax instead, says one of the experts, who has been reading a study on the subject by Mr. Nicholas Kaldor, the Cambridge Economist. [illegible] the economy, the harder the tax collector bears down upon you; and the more cleverly you conceal your income, the less you pay. Collect your tax on expenditure, he says, and everybody will be happy. The expansive people who like to spend their money will have something to show for their tax, and the old miser who puts off his hair-cut to next week will have the double satisfaction of having saved income tax as well. All the tax-collector need do is figure the man's bank-balance (or debts, in this country) and income at the beginning of the year, and see what he has left at the end. The more he has left the less he will pay. If that's not enough to encourage saving, we have no better suggestion.

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NEWSPAPERS, everybody knows, are full of mistakes. Either they disseminate wrong opinions, and that covers practically all the papers except the one you habitually buy, or they don't know which side has won a battle, like the official papers in Egypt and Syria. This paper also makes mistakes, and one of these has just been pointed out to us. A pessimistic copy-reader passed on a report that 2,000 gladiolus bulbs had recently been exported to Europe. According to the Instructor for Plant Growing of the Plantations Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, the figure was 2,000,000 bulbs, and we are glad to be able to correct this error.

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A FRIEND says she loves to have her relatives to stay for Hanukka, but that towards the end of the week she could not escape the feeling that both families would be the better for an evening away from each other. She decided that the best way of arranging this was to pretend she had been "given" three tickets — one for each of the guests — for a play she and her husband had already seen and so would not want to go to a second time. She rang up the agency and learned that it was sold out. Not easily discouraged, she embarked on a woman-to-woman talk with the girl at the other end of the telephone in which she explained that they had not had a quiet evening at home alone for a week, and no other show but this would do, as they would simply have to go as well. Without hesitating for a moment the girl said she would fix it up and have the tickets waiting at the box-office. It was a great success for all concerned.

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A MOTHER reports that her five-year-old daughter has

two small admirers. Both are younger than she is — in fact little Zvika is only three-and-a-half — and some days she can't be bothered to play with such small fry. One afternoon Rachel opened the door, saw the little boys, and firmly told them to go home. Zvika smilingly pushed a foot inside the door and said "My mother combed my hair nicely today. Don't I look beautiful?" Rachel nodded. "And if I am beautiful why don't you ask me to come in and play?" Rachel saw the logic of this and let him in without further argument.

Today's contributors include H. Maas and Eva Erell, Jerusalem, and Shoshana Hepner, Ramat Gan.

Yesterday's Press

Commons Plays with Words

SIR Anthony Eden, writes "Ha'aretz" (non-party), was right in saying that at the moment Israel was at no particular disadvantage in relation to any Arab state, but evaded drawing the inevitable conclusion as to what would happen when its so-called advantage is at last cancelled out by the unending stream of Soviet arms to Egypt. While it is not to be expected that Britain should be unconcerned with her interests in the Middle East, the real question is exactly where those interests lie.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi) writes that the Commons debate was of interest to us only insofar that it could instruct us just how much British sentiment there was to grant us arms so that we could preserve Middle East peace. While Sir Anthony insisted that he had tried to exert pressure on neither party, he made it clear that Israel's request for arms would not be entertained and that an appeasement policy would be pursued toward the Arabs. Such a stand, which is pretended to dampen passions, will have the opposite result.

The Arab states in the Baghdad Pact may be anti-Soviet and those in the Egyptian set-up may be anti-West, writes "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda), but one thing is certain: they are both anti-Israel. If the powers concerned will wake up to foresee the consequences of their dangerous game, raids, attacks and retaliation in this corner of the world will be obviated.

"Herut" writes that the Syrians are about to bring a complaint before the Security Council and says that we know from experience that it is better to be the accused than the accuser before this forum. Of one thing we may be sure: the Syrians will no longer shell fishing boats on the Kinneret from the demolished positions. The raid will serve as a warning to Lebanon against joining the Egyptian-Syrian pact and to Jordan not to fall in with Egyptian intrigue, and will test the effectiveness of the Egyptian-Syrian alliance.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) deplores the release on bail of the men involved in the currency smuggling case, and concludes that the best way of averting such corruption would be to concentrate vital imports in Government hands; "Omer" (Histadrut) complains that there is too much loose talk on matters military and otherwise and people should learn to hold their tongues.

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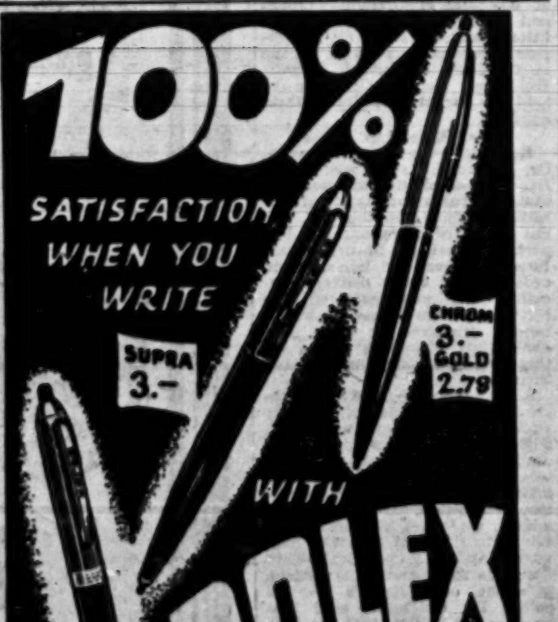

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